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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 9 October 1997

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.45 a.m. consultations of the whole (closed) Consultation Room

Croatia (S/1997/767)

Other matters

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. 2nd meeting Conference Room 2

Organization of work

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.-6 p.m. 5th meeting Conference Room 2

1. Agenda items 18, 90, 91, 92 and 12 and 93

Hearing of petitioners (A/C.4/52/4 and Add.1-3, A/C.4/52/5)

Hearing of a representative of a Non-Self-Governing Territory: Gibraltar

General debate on all decolonization agenda items: item 18 (A/52/23 (Parts II, V-VI), A/C.4/52/L.3 and L.4), A/AC.109/2071-2072, 2074-2078, 2080-2082, 2084, 2086-2088, 2090); item 90 (A/52/23 (Part IV)* (Chapter VIII), A/52/365); item 91 (A/52/23 (Part III)*); item 92 (A/52/3* (Chapter V, section E), A/52/23 (Part IV)* (Chapter VII), A/52/185, A/AC.109/L.1866, E/1987/81 and Add.1); item 93 (A/52/388 and Add.1)

2. Request for hearing (A/C.4/52/2/Add.7)

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* To be issued.

SECOND COMMITTEE

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 7

Informal consultations by the Chairman of the Second Committee on all organizational matters of the Committee, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 50/227

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 142 (Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations): (a) Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: Third party liability; Reform of procedures for determining reimbursement to Member States regarding contingent-owned equipment; Detailed proposals on the implementation of death and disability benefits (A/51/903, A/51/967, A/52/369 and A/52/410); United Nations Logistics Base, Brindisi; Proposals on the management of peacekeeping assets; (A/50/907, A/50/905, A/51/985, A/51/803, A/51/957, A/52/380 and A/52/407)

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 114 (Review of the efficiency of the administration and financial functioning of the United Nations: Strengthening of the external oversight mechanisms (A/49/471 and Corr.1, A/49/633, A/49/368 and Corr.1 and A/51/674))

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund: Administrative expenses of UNJSPF (A/52/278); Membership of the Investments Committee

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Economic and Social Council Chamber

Informal consultations on the reports of the Executive Board field visits to Jamaica, Turks and Caicos Islands and Cuba (DP/1997/CRP.24) and to Kyrgyzstan and Latvia (DP/1997/CRP.26)

Announcements

Advance unedited copy of the report of the Secretary-General on "Funding modalities of operational activities as requested by the Economic and Social Council" is available for pick-up from room S-2994.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Thursday, 9 October 1997

GROUP OF 77
(on Second Committee organizational matters)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

1.15 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES:

WORKING GROUP ON DISARMAMENT

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1

ARAB GROUP OF THE WHOLE

3.30 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room C

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Forum

The Nineteenth Annual Forum of the Parliamentarians for Global Action, entitled "Crafting Lasting Peace", will be held *today*, 9 October 1997, from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

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Briefing

The daily briefing of the Spokesman for the Secretary-General for press officers of Member States of the United Nations will be held at 12.30 p.m. in room S-226.

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Announcement

As from Wednesday, 1 October 1997, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings as of 6 October will take place at 3.30 p.m. in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Friday, 10 October 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.	6th meeting	Conference Room 2

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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FIRST COMMITTEE

The First Committee will begin the general debate on its agenda items on Monday, 13 October 1997. Delegations are urged to inscribe their names on the list of speakers, as soon as possible, with the secretariat (tel.: 963-5584).

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SECOND COMMITTEE

The lists of speakers for the general debate, and all other items allocated to the Second Committee, are open for inscription. The general debate is scheduled to begin on Monday, 13 October 1997, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the lists are kindly requested to contact the secretariat of the Second Committee (Ms. June Knesl, tel.: 212-963-5709, fax: 212-963-5935).

The following advance unedited documents under agenda item 95 (Macroeconomic policy questions: (a) Financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries; and (d) External debt crisis and development) are available outside of room DC2-2126: Report of the Secretary-General on global financial integration: an update; and Report of the Secretary-General on sources for the financing of development.

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The lists of speakers for all items allocated to the Third Committee are open for inscription by delegations. The Committee will begin its substantive work (in accordance with the programme contained in document A/C.3/52/L.1, as approved by the Committee at its 2nd meeting) on Monday, 13 October 1997, at 3 p.m. sharp. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are kindly requested to contact the Secretary of the Committee (Ms. Kate Starr Newell, tel.: 212-963-4248; fax: 212-963-5935 or 963-1712).

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The 187th meeting of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country will be convened on Wednesday, 15 October 1997, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 6. Delegations are encouraged to request the formal inscription, at least 48 hours prior to the meeting, of specific items they would like to raise in the Committee, keeping in mind the detailed list of topics adopted by the Committee in 1982 (see document A/49/46, paragraph 5). Delegations are further encouraged to submit to the Secretary or the Chairman of the Committee (room S-3420D), any relevant documentation or written statements in advance of the meeting.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

In accordance with the decision taken at its resumed organizational session on 5 September 1997, the Committee for Programme and Coordination will hold its resumed thirty-seventh session at United Nations Headquarters for up to 5 days beginning Monday, 13 October 1997, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The annotated provisional agenda has been issued as document E/AC.51/1997/1/Add.1.

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The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the Chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan), on Tuesday, 14 October 1997 at 11 a.m. sharp in Conference Room C.

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The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women invites delegations to propose names for panellists to participate in the forty-second session of the Commission (2-13 March 1998). The topics of the panels will be: (1) women and armed conflict; (2) human rights of women; (3) the girl child; and (4) violence against women. Delegations are kindly requested to submit names, indicating the specific panel for which they are being proposed, to the Division for the Advancement of Women (DC2-1216), *no later than* Friday, 31 October 1997.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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The first meeting of the International Steering Committee for the World Conference of Ministers Responsible for Youth will be convened at Headquarters, in cooperation with the United Nations, under the Chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Antonio Jose Martins Seguro, Secretary of State for Youth of the Republic of Portugal, from 14 to 16 October 1997. The International Steering Committee is open to all Member States, Non-member States maintaining permanent observer missions at Headquarters, and intergovernmental organizations, other organizations and entities which have received a standing invitation to participate as observers in the sessions and the work of the General Assembly. Among the issues to be discussed will be the adoption of the Committee's rules of procedure, including the accreditation of other observers from intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations. The provisional agenda for the meeting of the Steering Committee is available at the Permanent Mission of Portugal (tel. (212) 759-9444) and at the office of the United Nations Youth Unit (DESA/DSPD) ((212) 963-3791).

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Briefing

A briefing on the United Nations Stand-by-Forces High Readiness Brigade, SHIRBRIG, will be held on Monday, 20 October 1997, from 3 p.m. to 3.45 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The presentation is prepared to the benefit of permanent representatives, peacekeeping experts and military advisers, as well as Secretariat staff. The presentation will be given by the Permanent Representative of Denmark to the United Nations, H.E. Mr. Jorgen Bøjer, and the Commanding Officer of SHIRBRIG, Brigadier General Finn Sørmark-Thomsen. The presentation will be followed by a question-and-discussion period.

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 7 October 1997

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

MEETING OF STATES PARTIES
Seventeenth meeting 23rd meeting

Opening of the meeting [1]

The meeting was opened by the representative of the Secretary-General, who made a statement.

Election of the Chairman [2]

The representative of Slovakia made a statement.

The representative of the Secretary-General made a statement.

H.E. Mr. Hugo Saguier Caballero (Paraguay) was elected as Chairman of Meeting by acclamation.

Adoption of the agenda [3]

The Meeting adopted the provisional agenda submitted by the Secretary-General (CCPR/SP/49).

Election of the Officers of the Meeting [4]

The Chairman made a statement.

The representatives of Costa Rica and Azerbaijan made statements.

The Meeting elected Mr. Rene Akurone (Netherlands) and H.E. Dr. Oskaras Jusys (Lituania) as Vice-Chairmen.

Election, in accordance with articles 28 to 34 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, of one member of the Human Rights Committee to fill a casual vacancy which arose because of the death of one member (CCPR/SP/50 and Add. 1-4) [5]

The representatives of Madagascar and Benin made statements.

The following candidate was elected after the first ballot as member of the Human Rights Committee for a term ending on 31 December 2000: Mr. Abdallah Zakhia (Lebanon).

The representatives of Benin and Lebanon made statements.

Other matters

The representative of Costa Rica made a statement.

Closure of the Meeting

The Seventeenth Meeting of the States Parties was declared closed.

Wednesday, 8 October 1997

SECURITY COUNCIL

3822nd meeting

The situation in Sierra Leone

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Nigeria and Sierra Leone, at their request, to participate in the discussion without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution (S/1997/777) which had been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Sierra Leone and Nigeria.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution before it (S/1997/777).

Before the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Kenya, France, the United Kingdom, Poland, the Republic of Korea and the Russian Federation, by the Vice-minister for Foreign Affairs of Costa Rica, by the representatives of Sweden, Japan, Egypt, Portugal, China, Guinea-Bissau and the United States, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of Chile.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/1997/777) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1132 (1997).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

29th plenary meeting

Note: The summary of the 29th plenary meeting will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1997/196).

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) — 4th meeting

Agenda items 18 (chapters of the report of the Special Committee of 24 relating to specific Territories not already covered by other items), 90, 91, 92 and 12 and 93

The Committee continued its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Chile, Algeria, Ghana, Uruguay (also on behalf of Member countries of MERCOSUR (Argentina, Brazil and Paraguay), as well as Bolivia and Chile), Paraguay (also on behalf of the Rio Group (Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Mexico, Panama, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela) as well as Honduras, representing the Central American States), Thailand (also on behalf of the Member countries of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore and Viet Nam)), the United States, Cuba, New Zealand, Iraq, China, Jamaica and Botswana.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom, the United States and Cuba.

The representative of Papua New Guinea introduced before the Committee a draft resolution, under agenda item 18, on the Decolonization Programme in the United Nations system which he requested the Secretariat to circulate as an official document of the Fourth Committee.

The representative of the United States made a statement on a point of order.

Statements were made by the representatives of Bolivia, Romania, Cuba, the United States, the Syrian Arab Republic, Portugal, Papua New Guinea, as well as by the Secretary of the Committee and the Director for General Assembly and Economic and Social Council Affairs Division.

Requests for hearing

Statements were made by the representative of Papua New Guinea and the Secretary of the Committee.

The Chairman drew members' attention to a technical error in document A/C.4/52/4/Add.4.

The Committee considered five communications containing requests for hearing, three relating to Western Sahara (A/C.4/52/4/Add.1-3), one relating to Guam (A/C.4/52/2/Add.6) and one relating to all the Non-Self-Governing Territories (A/C.4/52/5), under agenda item 18, which it decided to grant.

The Chairman informed the Committee of the receipt of one more communication containing a request for hearing relating to Guam, under agenda item 18, which the Committee decided to circulate as a Committee document.

Organization of work

The Chairman announced that on Monday, 13 October 1997, the Committee would begin its consideration of agenda item 84 (Effects of atomic radiation). Delegations were urged to inscribe their names on the list of speakers as soon as possible.

SIXTH COMMITTEE — 5th meeting

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [151]

The Vice-Chairman of the Special Committee, Ms. Maria Lourdes Ramiro-López (Philippines) introduced the report on behalf of the Chairman, Mr. Dusan Rovensky (Czech Republic).

Statements were made by the representatives of the Netherlands (on behalf of the European Union), Portugal, India, Israel, Bulgaria and Namibia.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

The representative of Tunisia also spoke.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Resumed substantive session for 1997

44th meeting

Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters [1]

The Council adopted the provisional agenda for the resumed session, as contained in document E/1997/109.

The representative of Mexico made a statement.

Reports, conclusions and recommendations of subsidiary bodies: Environmental questions: sustainable development: Future meetings of the Intergovernmental Forum on Forests [7(b)]

Consideration of the future meetings of the Intergovernmental Forum on Forests was postponed to the next resumed session of the Council in December.

Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments [1]

The Council confirmed the representatives to the functional commissions listed in documents E/1997/L.1/Add.3 and 4.

The Council took the following action with regard to elections and nominations postponed from previous sessions:

Commission on Science and Technology for Development

The following States were elected by acclamation: Belarus, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cuba and Romania for a term beginning on 1 January 1998.

The drawing of lots to determine the terms of office of the newly elected members was postponed to a future session.

The Council also postponed to a future session the election of eight members from Asian States, one member from Eastern European States, seven members from Latin American and Caribbean States and seven members from Western European and other States for a term beginning on 1 January 1998.

Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting

Following a statement by the representative of Brazil, the Council elected Brazil and Pakistan for a 3-year term beginning on 1 January 1998 and Germany and Lebanon for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1999.

The Council postponed to a future session the election of: (a) Three members from Asian States, one member from Eastern European States and two members from Latin American and Caribbean States for a 3-year term beginning on 1 January 1998; (b) One member from Asian States, two members from Latin American and Caribbean States and two members from Western European and other States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1999; (c) One member from African States and two members from Latin American and Caribbean States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1997.

Committee for Development Planning

The Council extended the term of appointment of the 24 experts listed in document E/1997/L.22 for one year beginning 1 January 1998.

Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods

The Council endorsed the decision to approve the application of South Africa for full membership in the Committee.

Reports, conclusions and recommendations of subsidiary bodies: Environmental questions: sustainable development: Arrangements for elections to the Bureau of the Committee on Sustainable Development [7(b)]

The Council resumed consideration of the item.

On the proposal of the President, the Council suspended its formal meeting in order to hold informal consultations on a draft decision which had been circulated, entitled "Programme of work of the Commission on Sustainable Development for the period 1998-2000 and future methods of work of the Commission".

Upon the resumption of the formal meeting, the Vice-President of the Council (H.E. Mr. Anwarul Chowdhury (Bangladesh)) reported on the informal consultations held on the draft proposal.

The Council then adopted the draft decision.

Organizational matters

The Secretary of the Council responded to questions raised by the representatives of Mexico, the Russian Federation, the Republic of Korea and Romania.

The representative of Bangladesh made a statement.

The resumed substantive session was suspended.

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Convention on the Rights of the Child

COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHTS
OF THE CHILD
Sixteenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

WEDNESDAY, 8 OCTOBER 1997

422nd meeting

Consideration of reports of States parties [4]

The Committee concluded its consideration of the initial report of Togo (CRC/C/3/Add.42).

In accordance with the Committee's provisional rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meetings and replied to questions raised and observations made by members of the Committee.

423rd (closed) meeting

Consideration of reports of States parties [4]

The Committee considered the item in closed session.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Agreement Establishing the Caribbean Development Bank, with Protocol to Provide for Procedure for Amendment of Article 36 of the Agreement, done at Kingston, Jamaica, on 18 October 1969

Accession: China (3 October 1997)*

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* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Staff Council

There will be a meeting of the Staff Council *today,* 9 October 1997, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The meeting is open to staff members only.

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Training courses for permanent missions

The second set of off-site Internet training course has been scheduled by the Information Technology Services Division (ITSD) to take place from 17 to 24 November 1997. The list of attendees should be submitted by Monday, 10 November, to Ms. Glenda San Pedro (fax: 963-0952). The courses offered will be: Netscape 3.0; Intermediate Internet; Introduction to HTML; Intermediate HTML; and Creating a Website.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE EDITOR

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